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MODIFICATION OF THE X-RAY SPECTRAL COMPOSITION"

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,028,778

AB United States Patent No. 4,698,833

AC United States Patent No. 4,398,823

AL German OS 199 45 7773

AM German PS 196 06 913

AN German OS 4 127 778

AO European Application 0 924 967

AU U.S. Statutory Invention Registration H313

AV "Über die Optimalisierung der Röntgenquantenenergie in der Röntgendiagnostik," Keller et al, Elektromedizin Vol. 10 (1965) pages 153-158

- AW "Theoretische Untersuchungen zur Optimierung der Quantenenergie in der Röntgendiagnostik," Freyer et al, Forschr. Röntgenstr., Vol. 123 (1975) pages 571-579
- AX "Mosaic Crystal Monochromators For Synchrotron Radiation Instrumentation," Freund, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A266 (1988) pages 461-466
- AY "Resolution Properties of a Large Area Quasi-monochromatic X-ray Source for Mammography," Gambaccini, SPIE, Vol. 3336 (1998) pages 65-75.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with references AC, AL, AM, AN, AO and AU were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. The remaining references are additional prior art known to the Applicants.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. Translations of the German language references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of References AL, AM, AN and AO has an English language abstract attached thereto, and References AV and AW each include an English language abstract as part of the text thereof.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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